



**For Immediate Release Contact: Jordan Koppen 210-1160**

**Date: July 2, 2018**

Effective July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018:  
Fire Danger elevated to MODERATE in Missoula County  
Outdoor Permit Burning will be CLOSED

**Effective July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:00am - Missoula, Montana** – Wildland fire officials with the Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA) have elevated fire danger within Missoula County to MODERATE.

Weather forecasters predict hot and dry conditions by the end of the week with temperatures ranging into the 90s throughout the region. Due to increasing fire danger and changing conditions, the last day for debris burning shall be **July 3rd**, 2018 in Missoula County.

Produce one less spark by making sure your campfire is cold to the touch before you leave it at any time of day or night by drowning it with water and stirring it to expose residual heat. Have water and hand tools available on-site when you have a campfire. We'd also like to remind the public that **fireworks are prohibited on all state and federal classified forest lands.** Since HOT weather is forecasted, grasses will dry quickly and increase the potential for starting fires.

Folks can “like” the Missoula County Fire Protection Association on Facebook, and get information on our webpage: [www.mcfpa.org](http://www.mcfpa.org) for more local fire information! Thank-you for being safe with fire this summer season!

###